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Mormon meetinghouse going up in Center City

New construction. A meetinghouse and 32-story residential tower is slated for construction on the corner of 16th and Vine. **Reshaped.** With this latest announcement, the skyline of Philadelphia will change yet again. PAGE 04

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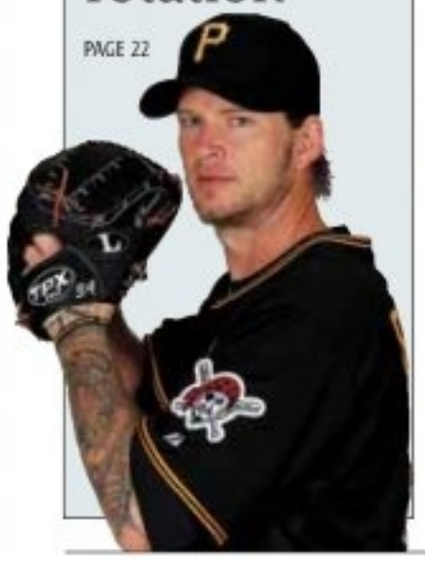

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Hot Indeblue bartender Tobias Moser wants to pour you a drink. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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To our readers

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Local tweet

"Snow is becoming a little overrated"

No crap, @suchislyfe_.

City declares a snow emergency, closes down

Here we go again. Nor'easter causes city, courts, Free Library, schools to close today.

As another storm descends upon the Delaware Valley, Mayor Michael Nutter declared a snow emergency Wednesday and closed city offices for all non-essential personnel today.

With the snow emergency comes a mandate that all parked cars must be moved off snow emergency routes for plowing.

"If your car is parked on a snow emergency route, it will be ticketed and most likely relocated," Nutter said.

If you car is relocated, call 215-686-SNOW (7669) to find it. Do not call 911 to find your car.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority will offer discounted rates in Center City garages during the snow emergency. The discount rates started at 5 p.m. Wednesday and will run until the snow emergency expires.

The PPA offers a special 24-hour flat rate of $5 for the following parking facilities: 16th and JFK; Fifth and Market streets; 10th and Ludlow streets; 10th and Filbert streets; Eighth and Filbert streets; Second and Sansom streets.

Meter and time limit violations will not be enforced until the snow emergency expires.

Trash pickups and recycling collections will be suspended until Monday.

Forecasts predict 6 to 12 inches of snow will blanket the city.

"Unless you really need to be out," Nutter said, "we strongly encourage you to not be out on the roadways."

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'Do not do' list

Renee Cardwell Hughes, of the American Red Cross, warned residents about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Do not heat your homes by:

- Lighting barbecue grills
- Running cars
- Switching on gas ovens
- Sparking kerosene heaters

By the numbers

400
Pieces of plowing equipment used to clear streets

700
Employees working through the duration of the storm

Meet the newest SEPTA Police members

Kai, a Dutch shepherd, left, and Ronnie, a German shepherd, graduated on Wednesday from the Penn Vet Working Dog Center and will get some more training before officially joining the SEPTA Police force as explosive detectors. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Slammed. Snow will affect city budgets

Besides snow days, shoveling and headaches, the heavy snowfall this winter also means a tougher time balancing municipal budgets, said Villanova University economics professor David Fiorenza.

"A snowstorm affects everything," Fiorenza said. "They're going to have to make some sacrifices."

Fiorenza explained that budgets for "snow removal" typically do not account for the levels of overtime, equipment and supplies costs that will be incurred during cleanup. Thus those funds will be drawn from other budget areas, whether in administration, technology or parks and recreation.

"I like the mayor of Philadelphia's attitude: 'Let's get the roads clean now and we'll think about how to pay for it next month,'" Fiorenza said. "People want to be safe; they don't want to hear that you can't clean the streets because you don't have money in the budget." SAM NEWHOUSE

On schedule

Fiorenza added that Philadelphia faced heavy ice storms in the 1990s and intense snowfall in the early 2000s, so the current weather shouldn't surprise anyone.

- "This is an occurrence that happens about every 10 years. If they've been working for more than 10 years, they know what's coming," Fiorenza said.

Stabbing

Girl, 15, charged with attempted murder of boy

The 15-year-old girl who allegedly stabbed a 14-year-old boy in the Point Breeze section of Philadelphia on Tuesday night is now charged with attempted murder, officials said on Wednesday.

Amber Hellesten / PPD

Amber Hellesten allegedly pierced the boy in the heart with a knife during an argument on the 2100 block of Watkins Street around 8 p.m. on Tuesday, police say. The boy walked from the crime scene but collapsed along the 2100 block of South 22nd Street.

He then underwent emergency surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and as of Wednesday afternoon, was still listed as in critical condition. METRO

Zimmerman

Boxing match canceled

A day after a Philly boxing promoter dropped a controversial boxing match with George Zimmerman, the British entrepreneur who took over the fight has also dropped the idea. METRO

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A parking lot currently occupies the corner of 16th and Vine, the site of a proposed residential tower and Mormon meetinghouse. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Meetinghouse, townhomes to be raised in CC

Breaking more ground. Mormons add two new buildings on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Mormons announced plans on Wednesday to build companions to its new temple rising on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints, standing with Mayor Michel Nutter and City Council President Darrell Clarke, detailed the group's intentions to build a meetinghouse and 32-story residential tower at 1601 Vine St. at the corner of 16th and Vine streets in Center City. The temple, under construction at 17th and Vine Streets, will be completed by 2016.

Facts

The city will not contribute any money toward the project.

- The church said the project will create a maximum of 1,800 jobs.
- No groundbreaking date has been set.
- The project, which will take about two years to build, is subject to approval by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority and other city agencies.

Quoted

"[It's] one of the most architecturally significant sections of our great city."

Nutter
On the Benjamin Franklin Parkway

The building, designed by New York outfit Robert A.M. Stern Architects, includes a 32-story, high-rise residential tower with 258 rental apartments, 13 rental townhomes and retail space along 16th Street. The meeting house next door will "provide a place of worship and community gathering for the Mormon Church," which will consist of a chapel, family history center, a cultural center and an outdoor courtyard, according to Michael Marcheschi, of the LDS Special Project's Department.

"Philadelphia is on the rise as our skyline is reshaped," Nutter said.

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Update

No criminal activity in bathtub death

Prosecutors announced Wednesday they found no criminal activity related to the death of Julia Law, 26, who was discovered in her boyfriend's bathtub.

Law was a paralegal at A. Charles Peruto Jr.'s firm and she was his girlfriend when she was found dead on May 25 in his Rittenhouse Square home. METRO

Julia Law / FACEBOOK

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Abortion doctor's assistant to serve 6-12 years in prison

Not over yet. A fellow "doctor" of abortionist Kermit Gosnell was sentenced for killing two babies.

How Gosnell was caught

A federal drug investigation led to discovering unsanitary and illegal abortions going on at Gosnell's clinic.

- Federal drug informants were able to get dozens of prescriptions for powerful painkillers in one visit.
- The clinic was raided on Feb. 18, 2010.

One of the associates of convicted abortionist Kermit Gosnell, currently serving three back-to-back life sentences for killing viable fetuses, was sentenced on Wednesday for his role in the death of two babies.

Steven Massof, 51, was sentenced to six to 12 years in prison, the office of District Attorney Seth Williams announced.

Massof pleaded guilty in 2011 to third degree murder and conspiracy charges for killing two babies born alive during abortion procedures.

Massof was a medical school graduate without a license or any certification, prosecutors say, yet he worked as a doctor for Kermit Gosnell at the Women's Medical Society in West Philadelphia.

Gosnell, 73, was convicted in May 2013 of three murder charges. In late 2013, his federal trial, for selling prescriptions to powerful painkillers like Vicodin and Oxycodone, concluded with a 30-year sentence on those charges.

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No clowning around with this donation

Green Tree School & Services received a $25,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Philadelphia Region, Inc. to fund equipment for the new multi-sensory room as part of its sensory-based therapy program. / PROVIDED

Seeing green

Corrections officer charged in tax fraud

Prosecutors announced Wednesday that Kenneth Davidson, 38, an officer at SCI Graterford, is charged with allegedly stealing tax returns while working as a part-time employee at H&R Block.

Davidson allegedly forged tax forms to obtain multiple refunds worth thousands, which he would transfer to H&R Block Emerald debit cards or other prepaid cards.

Davidson's associates provided him with the names, dates of birth and social security numbers of stolen identities or friends. METRO

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President Barack Obama gestures to workers during the signing of an executive order to raise the minimum wage for federal contractors Wednesday at the White House. / GETTY IMAGES

Obama signs order to raise minimum wage for federal contractors

Increase. He is fulfilling a promise from his State of the Union address.

President Barack Obama signed an executive order on Wednesday to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers to $10.10 an hour starting next year and encouraged employers nationwide to increase wages for their workers.

Obama announced during his State of the Union address last month that he intended to take executive action to raise wages for federal contract workers.

The order will affect workers starting on Jan. 1, 2015, and applies to new contracts and replacements for expiring contracts.

Obama, who has also pressed Congress to enact legislation to raise the minimum wage for all workers nationwide, urged business leaders and government officials to do more to increase workers' incomes.

Quoted

"It's not going to depress the economy, it'll boost the economy."
Obama

"I would ask any business leader out there, any governor, any mayor, any local leader listening: Do what you can to raise your employees' wages," he said, rejecting arguments that doing so would hamper the economy. **REUTERS**

Texas

Court hears suit to overturn gay marriage ban

Lawyers for two gay couples challenging a Texas constitutional amendment barring same-sex marriage told a federal court in opening arguments on Wednesday the measure is an "abhorrent violation of human and constitutional rights."

The suit brought by a law firm on behalf of the couples is aimed at winning recognition for same-sex marriage in the deep South, where every state has a constitutional amendment or law that establishes legal marriage as only being between one man and one woman. **REUTERS**

Litigation. Obama sued by Rand Paul over phone surveillance

President Barack Obama is being sued by Sen. Rand Paul over electronic surveillance Paul claims is illegal, adding to challenges that may land post-Sept. 11 government data collection in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Kentucky Republican announced Wednesday that he had filed his complaint in Washington federal court. Paul was joined as co-plaintiff by FreedomWorks Inc., a Tea Party-backed group. The filing couldn't be immediately confirmed in court records.

RAND PAUL
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The government is collecting phone data about U.S. citizens "without any belief by defendants at the time of collection or retention or searches that any of the information is connected with international terrorism or an international terrorist organization," in violation of the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment prohibition of unreasonable searches, according to a draft copy of Paul's suit provided by his office. **BLOOMBERG**

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US scientists achieve 'turning point' in fusion energy quest

Not yet. Experts say it will be many years or decades before fusion can be a practical energy source.

U.S. scientists announced on Wednesday an important milestone in the costly, decades-old quest to develop fusion energy, which, if harnessed successfully, promises a nearly inexhaustible energy source for future generations.

For the first time, experiments have produced more energy from fusion reactions than the amount of energy put into the fusion fuel, scientists at the federally funded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California said.

The researchers, led by physicist Omar Hurricane, described the achievement as important but said much more work is needed before fusion can become a viable energy source. They noted that did not produce self-heating nuclear fusion, known as ignition, that would be needed for any fusion power plant.

Researchers have faced daunting scientific and engineering challenges in trying to develop nuclear fusion — the process that powers stars including our sun — for use by humankind.

"Really for the first time anywhere, we've gotten more energy out of this fuel than was put into the fuel. And that's quite unique. And that's kind of a major turning point, in a lot of our minds," Hurricane told reporters. REUTERS

Quoted

"I think a lot of people are jazzed."
Hurricane

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More than 110,000 Georgia Power customers were without electricity on Wednesday, with most outages reported in metropolitan Atlanta.

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Severe winter storm slams Southeast

A deadly winter storm brought heavy snow, freezing rain and a possibly historic accumulation of ice to the southeastern United States on Wednesday, causing hundreds of thousands of power outages and treacherous driving conditions, meteorologists said. The worsening storm stretched from eastern Texas to the Carolinas, and reached the Middle Atlantic states by late Wednesday, National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Edwards said. Power outages spread rapidly as temperatures dropped. The storm is set to hit the Northeast today. REUTERS

Midlife crisis

Sinkhole gobbles up eight vintage Corvettes at Kentucky museum

A 40-foot sinkhole opened up under the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky and swallowed eight collector cars, including a black 1962 model, the museum said on Wednesday.

No injuries were reported, but a 1993 ZR-1 Spyder and a 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors Co. were among the iconic cars piled up in the pit.

"It is with heavy hearts that we report that eight Corvettes were affected by this incident," the museum, based in Bowling Green, said in a statement.

Alarms went off early Wednesday morning in the "Skydome" area and museum security officers who rushed to the scene found the sinkhole, 25 to 30 feet deep.

The Bowling Green Fire Department estimated the sinkhole at 40 feet wide. No one was in or around the museum when the collapse happened. REUTERS

Tsarnaev faces the threat of execution if convicted of the April 15 attack. / THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Judge sets Nov. trial for accused Boston bomber

Change of venue. His attorneys have not yet said if they will seek to have his trial moved from Boston.

The accused Boston Marathon bomber will face trial in November, a U.S. judge said on Wednesday, denying a request by Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's attorneys for more time to prepare a defense on charges tied to the largest mass-casualty attack on U.S. soil since 9/11.

Attorneys for the 20-year-old native of Russia's Chechnya region argued that they needed more time to review massive amounts of evidence.

In addition to thousands of pages of files, computer records and security camera photographs, attorneys need to comb through some 2,000 pieces of physical evidence including shards of shrapnel from the blast site.

Charges against Tsarnaev also include fatally shooting a university police officer three days after the bombing.

"This is a unique case, obviously," said U.S. District Judge George O'Toole, after he ordered jury selection to begin on Nov. 3, well ahead of the September 2015 start the defense requested. REUTERS

Quoted

"I will say to both sides that this is undoubtedly going to be a lengthy trial, but you should keep in mind that not everything that can be presented for either side needs to be presented, necessarily."

O'Toole said at a hearing at U.S. District Court in Boston

Online market

Mozilla plans to sell ads in Firefox browser

Mozilla, the company behind the Firefox Internet browser, will start selling ads as it tries to grab a larger slice of the fast-expanding online advertising market.

The company said in a blog posting on Tuesday that it has reached out to potential corporate sponsors about its fledgling "Directory Tiles" program, targeted at first-time users. REUTERS

Hybrid. Toyota to recall 1.9M Prius cars for software defect

Toyota Motor Corp. on Wednesday issued a recall covering all 1.9 million of the third-generation Prius cars sold worldwide, due to a programming glitch in their hybrid system.

About half of the recalls are in Japan and 713,000 in North America, a Toyota spokeswoman said. No accidents have been reported related to the defect.

Toyota said the problem was in the software used to control the boost converter in a module that is part of the hybrid system.

"The setting of the software could cause higher thermal stress in certain transistors within the booster converter, and these transistors could deform or become damaged as a result," Toyota said.

"This will result in various warning lights being illuminated, and will probably cause the vehicle to enter a failsafe mode," it said, noting that the car can be driven, but with reduced driving power. REUTERS

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Holland	4	2	4	10
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Russia	2	4	3	9
6. Germany	6	1	1	8
7. Austria	1	4	0	5
8. Switz.	3	0	1	4
Slovenia	1	1	2	4
Sweden	0	3	1	4

Winter Olympics.
US women take gold, bronze in halfpipe

1 The top spot on the podium wasn't lonely for Slovenia's **Tina Maze**, left, and Switzerland's **Dominique Gisin**, who shared gold in the women's downhill. Both finished in exactly 1:41.57 for the first-ever tie in the event.

2 Following in the disappointing footsteps of Shaun White less than 24 hours earlier, American **Shani Davis** missed out on a first-ever three-peat in speed skating's 1,000 meters. Dutch skater Stefan Groothuis won gold, with Davis taking eighth.

3 American ladies **Kaitlyn Farrington**, left, and 2002 champion **Kelly Clark** shared a podium in women's halfpipe. Farrington won gold in an upset, with Clark in third.

4 The Canadian and U.S. women had already advanced to the next round, but the finish of Wednesday's game was still controversial, as **Hayley Wickenheiser** knocked in a late game-winner for Canada that the Americans protested came after a whistle.

5 Russian pairs skaters **Maxim Trankov** and **Tatiana Volosozhar** were overcome with emotion after winning gold on home ice.

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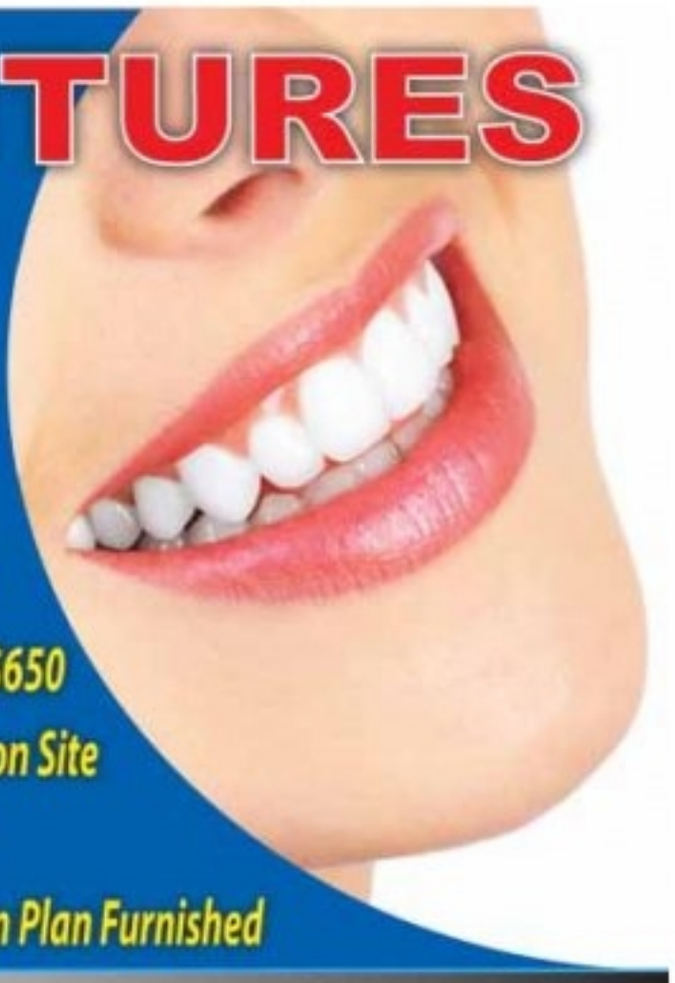

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Lots of scoring is going on at the Sochi Winter Olympics. / GETTY IMAGES

Olympic athletes heating up on Tinder

Olympic medals have been thin on the ground for Team USA at the Sochi Winter Olympics — so far they've taken home just three gold medals, all of them in snowboarding. But that doesn't mean our athletes aren't scoring.

According to one of America's two gold medalists, snowboarder Jamie Anderson, athletic hookups in the Olympic village have gone high-tech: They're apparently big fans of dating app Tinder.

"Tinder in the Olympic Village is next-level," Anderson told Us. "It's all athletes! In the mountain village, it's all athletes. It's hilarious. There are some cuties on there."

Dear lord. The Olympic Village is always a legendary boinkfest — it is, after all, temporarily home to the world's most toned humans, finally getting a break from years of training after the most stressful day of their lives. Now that their flirtation has gone 21st century, I worry that Tinder may actually explode. Do Olympians even need Tinder? Just go outside and throw a snowball. You'll probably hit an impossibly beautiful biathlete looking to screw away the shame of his fourth-place finish.

Anderson agrees: She says she deleted her Tinder profile before her event in order to focus on her training. "There was a point where I had to be like, 'OK, this is way too distracting,'" she said. "I deleted my account to focus on the Olympics."

MELINDA TAUB

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Mendes on pregnancy rumors

Eva Mendes knows the consequences of being picky about security. The actress recently opted out of using a walk-in body scanner at the airport, prompting speculation that she's pregnant. "You know those X-ray scanners, which are really creepy? They basically see you naked," she tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. "And not only that, but there's a radiation aspect to it. So I always opt out. I always ask for a personal pat-down. That was good enough reason [for people to assume I'm pregnant]." Sure, but what about those breakup rumors circulating since she and Ryan Gosling haven't been spotted together since October? Mendes offered some jokey plans for Valentine's Day: "I'm not a big Valentine's Day person," she says. "I'll probably just order a deep dish and watch 'The Notebook' or something. Just cry, weep."

Spears' rumors of lip-syncing

Britney Spears is being dogged by more lip-syncing accusations after an Instagram video surfaced taken during her current Las Vegas residency that shows her microphone pack fly off her waistband, pulling her earpiece mic away from her mouth without affecting her vocal performance at all. It wouldn't be such a big deal if it weren't for claims made by Spears' team before the launch of the residency. "Britney Spears will be singing live during her show. She will not be 'lip-syncing,'" her rep said.

On the scene: GUESS New York Fashion Week party

Kate Bosworth

Anna Kendrick

Kate Bosworth

What do you love about GUESS?
I remember wearing a lot of classic denim as a teenager and I didn't even know it was GUESS. So that carried me through a lot of years.

What do you like to wear right now?
I love the masculine and minimal approach that's happening right now. It fits my own style.

What do you refuse to wear on the red carpet?
Big platform shoes are not my thing.

What are you looking forward to wearing this Spring?
I love pastels. They're very pretty.

Anna Kendrick

We've seen you at a lot of fashion shows this year. What was your favorite so far?
I guess it's a toss-up between Monique Lhuillier and Carolina Herrera. Both collections were really feminine, beautiful and wearable.

What fall trends are you loving?
I like all the prints I'm seeing.

Where do you see yourself wearing most of the clothes in the GUESS line?
If I run through a field ... or something.

Joe Jonas

Did you spot any trends that you like?
I saw a lot of leather kilts over the leather pants for guys. And for the girls I saw a lot of pink and bright colors. That's a cool change.

Are we going to see you in the fashion industry at some point?
I don't know. Until there's a knock on the door, I guess no. But I love fashion and I don't mind being open about fashion and talking about what I love about it.

BY LASSE E. KRISTIANSEN

Quoted

"Doing solo music is taking a lot of my time right now. I'm looking in to some acting opportunities, too."

Jonas, on his future projects

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ellen Barkin is looking for a new gig, Roseanne Barr is excited about having donuts, Neil Patrick Harris is stepping aside graciously and Sarah Silverman is trying to make the world a better place.

@EllenBarkin: Do you think I could be the "global ambassador" for Lay's potato chips?

@TheRealRoseanne: Yum yum donuts here i come!!!!!!!!!!

@ActuallyNPH: I'm so proud of @RealHughJackman for hosting this year's Tony Awards and for calling me an hour ago to say, 'Suck it!'

@SarahKSilverman: Doing a kickstarter to raise $ for rich kids who have never heard the word no. Please help!

KODALINE

These charming Irish lads may just conquer America.

'IN A PERFECT WORLD'

You'd date any of these guys if you saw them on Tinder, no? / RCA RECORDS

As an unsigned band, Kodaline's "Give Me a Minute" topped the Irish singles chart; the track "All I Want" from their debut, "In a Perfect World," has more than 6 million hits on YouTube; and the indie/folk four-piece are getting airplay on "Grey's Anatomy." Anthemic like Coldplay and melancholy like fellow countrymen The Script, Kodaline are a band for weepers: Their tunes befit those lonely train journeys of emotional, romantic self-reflection.

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It's fair to say that "In a Perfect World" is a sad record. Do you ever see yourselves writing a cheerier album?
Mark Prendergast (guitar): I can't see us writing a bright album.

Are you always melancholy?
Prendergast: Depressed, I think, is the word. [Laughs]

Steve Garrigan (vocals): I don't think any of our songs are depressing — they're sad but they're uplifting.

Would you consider doing something more poppy, a kind of guaranteed hit?
Prendergast: Absolutely not. If we were promised a No. 1 hit in America with a song we didn't believe in, we'd say no.
Garrigan: That defeats the purpose of our music.
Jay Boland (bass): It's an extension of yourself.

Steve, I understand that you had a messy breakup. Has she got back in touch now that you're a little bit famous?
Garrigan: Yeah, she did.

Would you take her back?
Garrigan: No. I haven't talked to her in four years.

You're single now. Have you considered Tinder?
[All laugh]
Garrigan: I've got it. When you're traveling, it's unbelievable. You go to a city and you can see who's around.

It's good for a quick shag?
Garrigan: It's just ridiculous.

Show me your profile?
Garrigan: [Shows his Tinder profile] I don't know where this is going but f— it.

I like the creepy zombie pics on your profile. You should probably mention you sing in a band. I bet you get some creepy messages sent to you.
Prendergast: [Laughs] When it was coming up to Halloween there was a guy ... who was pretty naked. ... He had a sheet over his little fella with a ghost face.

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Q&A

You're been played on shows like "Modern Family" and "Grey's Anatomy." Do you feel commercialized?
Garrigan: I remember buying the CD of "Grey's Anatomy" ... because I liked the music. It's kind of like what happened with Phantom Planet's track "California" and "The O.C." — it's a great way for fans to be introduced to new music.
Vinny May (drums): You subconsciously take in the song.

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Alex Pettyfer is a hopeless romantic

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Interview. The actor talks "Endless Love" and confesses that he's a sucker for "Love Actually."

Alex Pettyfer is sorry to say he's actually a hopeless romantic at heart, which actually made signing on for the remake of "Endless Love" a no-brainer. Of course, we don't necessarily think there's anything wrong with being a softie. The "Magic Mike" star also confesses to liking at least one notoriously sweet rom-com.

This seems like a pretty intense film to make, emotionally. How did you approach it?
Well, the most difficult thing about making this movie was that when you're 23 or 24, which is how old I am, you want to be 30. You want to be looked upon as a man. And I'm playing 18 years of age, and you kind of have to go back to that naive way of thinking and that childlike energy. That was the hardest thing for me — the most fun, but the hardest.

Quoted

"It's sometimes tough for a man to admit that they're a hopeless romantic."

Pettyfer

The more a movie focuses on romance, the more some people will use that as an excuse to ask about your personal life. How do you cope with that?
I just say no. [Laughs] I'm very blunt. I don't really care. I don't really answer that.

What's your own personal opinion of romantic films in general?
I love romantic films. I love "Love Actually," I love "Bridget Jones." I'm sad in that sense — I'm a sucker for a good rom-com. And I wanted to make one. I'm so lucky that I've been given this opportunity to do a movie like this. I'm a hopeless romantic.

It's not that sad to say that you like rom-coms.
Yeah, well … I mean, it's sometimes tough for a man to admit that they're a hopeless romantic.

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In the flesh

Wait, there's a 'Magic Mike' musical?

I think it might be in the works. I think it was for stage, though, for Broadway. I couldn't get onstage live. I'm terrible live —terrible. I like "Action!" and "Cut!"

Twenty-something Alex Pettyfer plays a teenager in the "Endless Love" remake. / GETTY IMAGES

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2 'About Last Night'
Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you like remakes. In the 1980s, David Mamet's bleak and coarse "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" was pounded into a rom-com with Demi Moore and Rob Lowe. Now it's a Kevin Hart vehicle, which is more like it.

3 'Winter's Tale'
The directorial debut of seasoned screenwriter Akiva Goldsman ("Batman and Robin") tackles Mark Helprin's 1983 doorstop — a century-spanning romance about an immortal Irishman (Colin Farrell), a demon-or-something (Russell Crowe) and a flying horse.

4 'Endless Love'
The scandalous teen romance from 1981 — with Brooke Shields and a tiny role for Tom Cruise — gets a remake, this time with people of age: Alex Pettyfer and model Gabriella Wilde. But will it play the song?

5 'Like Father, Like Son'
Sorry, everyone: This isn't the Kirk Cameron-Dudley Moore '80s comedy but a thoughtful and moving drama from Japan, in which two families deal with the revelation that their respective sons were switched at birth.

6 'The Lego Movie'
If the idea of a movie based on the plastic toy blocks seems inexplicable, at least someone was passionate enough to hire talented "21 Jump Street" guys Phil Lord and Chris Miller to do it. At least some of it will be awesome.

7 'The Monuments Men'
George Clooney's fourth film from behind the camera was bumped from last year's awards season to February — but maybe that's not a bad thing? Clooney also co-stars as a member of a WWII platoon out to rescue art from Nazi plunder.

8 'Vampire Academy'
There's always another bloodsucker novel to turn into a film. The twist is that our lead (Zoey Deutch) is only half vampire. The real twist that is this movie was written by Daniel Waters ("Heathers") and directed by his brother Mark ("Mean Girls"), both of whom know something about skewering school life.

9 'Kids for Cash'
A case already adapted for "Law and Order: SVU" and "The Good Wife" gets its own doc, which looks at a Pennsylvania county that saw some 3,000 kids sent to detention centers. As it turns out, the sentencing judge was convicted for taking kickbacks in exchange for sentencing delinquents to jail.

10 'Ride Along'
Surely the Ice Cube circa "Straight Outta Compton" always imagined he'd be playing cops. Here, he decides to torture the wannabe officer (Kevin Hart) who wants to marry his sister.

ADMIT ONE

Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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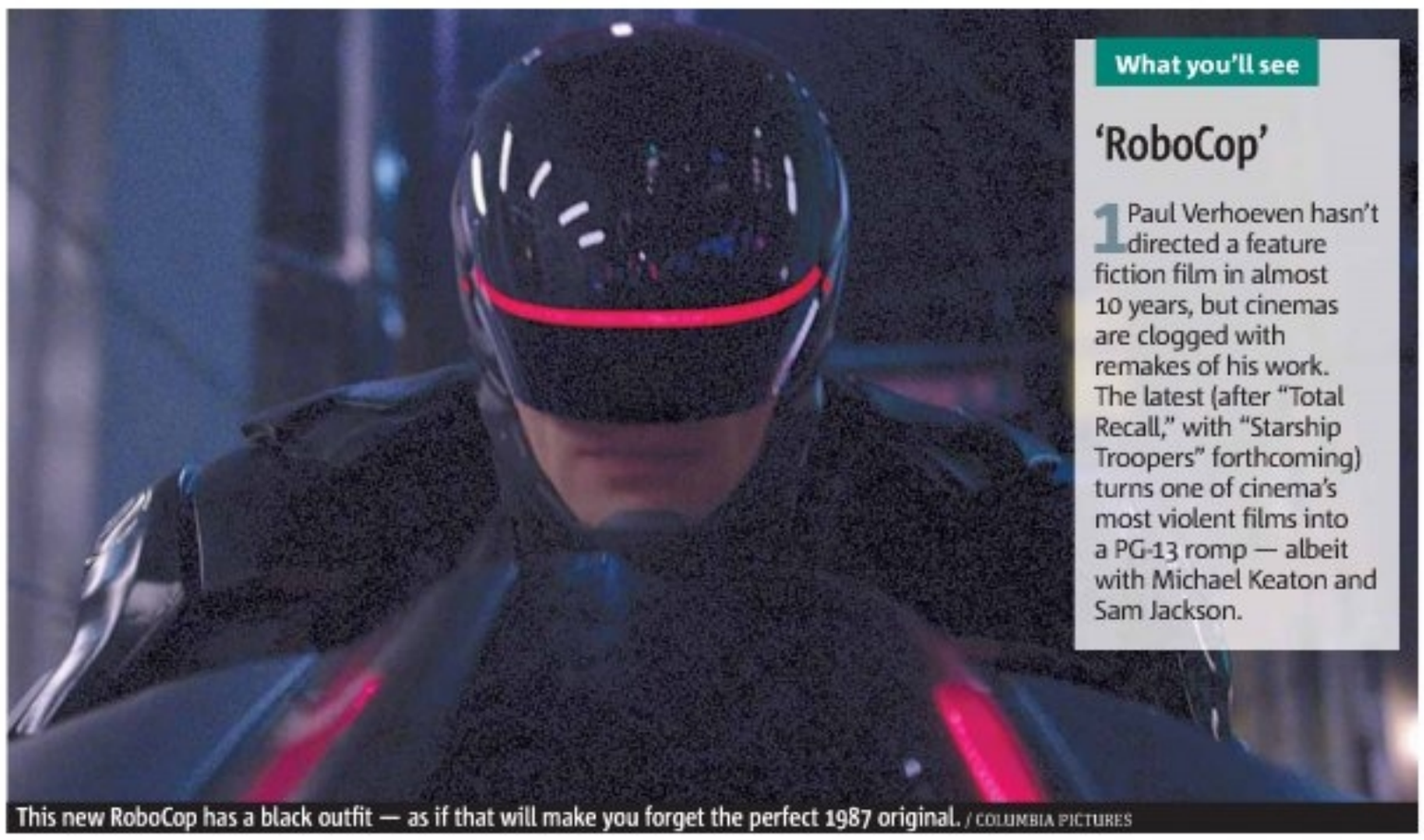

This new RoboCop has a black outfit — as if that will make you forget the perfect 1987 original. / COLUMBIA PICTURES

What you'll see

'RoboCop'

1 Paul Verhoeven hasn't directed a feature fiction film in almost 10 years, but cinemas are clogged with remakes of his work. The latest (after "Total Recall," with "Starship Troopers" forthcoming) turns one of cinema's most violent films into a PG-13 romp — albeit with Michael Keaton and Sam Jackson.

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TV watch list

Inviting the "Mob Wives" to your dinner party is probably a bad idea. / PIOTR SIKORA, VH1

COMPETITION

'American Idol'

The audition rounds are finally over. We know, it feels like this season's auditions have been going on for the better part of a decade. Were they always this drawn out? Anyway, tonight, at long last, the hopefuls who are actually going to get to compete for the "Idol" title are named. **8 P.M., FOX**

REALITY

'Party Down South'

This show about hard-partying hicks in a vacation house is probably going to do for South Carolina what "Jersey Shore"did for Jersey: nothing good. (Actually, it's the same producer.) But it's a winning reality TV formula, so what the hell, we'll watch. **10 P.M., CMT**

REALITY

'Mob Wives'

Tonight, Drita's dinner party leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouths when, shockingly, grievances are aired before they even get to their entrees. If we've learned anything from reality TV, it's that nothing good ever happens at a network-orchestrated dinner party. **10 P.M., VH1**

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NYFW: It's a new day for Marc by Marc Jacobs

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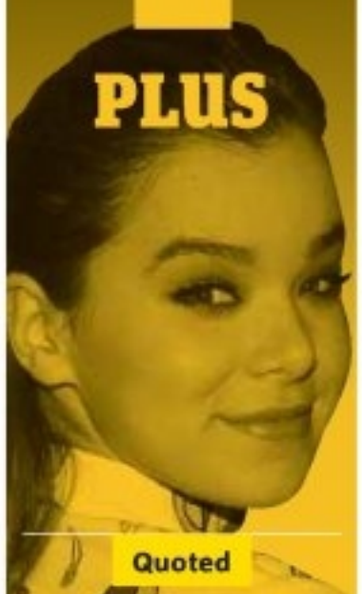

Quoted

"I'm constantly learning of new designers and new everything when it comes to fashion. It's essentially expressing yourself, and that's what I love about it. I feel as I get older our fashion becomes more mature and there are definitely times when you can have fun and go bigger, go brighter. I've had a great time with it."

Hailee Steinfeld

Fashion Week diary

Follow our editors' diaries as they take you to the front row of NYFW. For more coverage, visit www.metro.us and www.modmods.com.

TUESDAY

4:10 p.m.
Pier 36 has been transformed into what looks like a skaters paradise for **Marc by Marc Jacobs**, with enormous wooden ramps decorating the cavernous space. This has always been a big show. But the buzz in the air is even higher due to the fact that this will be the first collection from Luella Bartley and Katie Hillier under a new chapter for Marc Jacobs' empire, one in which he's back in New York full-time and preparing the company for an IPO.

4:40 p.m.
The skater girls I was expecting to see didn't show up. Neither did the moody, slightly staid, collegiate kids that defined the Marc by Marc collections in seasons' past. The fall 2014 girl is all flamboyant sportiness, dressed for a club night in a mix of ninja and BMX gear. And the clothes looked as wild as that sounds. The models looked like a girl gang who had watched a few too many screenings of "Kill Bill." Trouble.

On another note, Luella and Katie just rendered all of the sneaker comebacks in the past year forgettable thanks to a single shoe in Crayola shades of red and blue that is part raver, part spaceman. Is it a moon boot? A hiking shoe? I don't know, but it reflects that specific kind of creative risk-taking that British designers are known for.

The clothes aren't easy to pull off; it will take a special kind of girl to wear a long-sleeved, belted tunic with parachute pants. But the looks stand out because they aren't safe, giving the week of pleasant, contemporary clothes a much needed kick in the pants — with a very big shoe. **KENYA HUNT**

The bad girls come out to play at Marc by Marc Jacobs.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

WEDNESDAY

Michael Kors

10:30 a.m.
Want to know why Michael Kors' business is growing like gangbusters? (The designer made headlines recently for entering the billionaires club.) Study today's collection of lust-worthy clothes with everyday appeal.

Kors, known for his luxurious sportswear, scaled back the power dressing for fall. His high-strung New Yorker leaves the Big Apple for a trip out west — Big Sur to be specific. There she hangs out with her bohemian best friend, throws her hair up in a messy romantic knot and the two share wardrobe favorites and styling tips. The result: a collection of timeless pieces that perfectly blends urban sophistication with a wind-in-my-hair ease. Take, for example, the cool chambray separates with luxe fox furs that opened the show. They're casual, yet polished. The sentiment continues with a swinging suede fringe skirt paired with chunky ombre pullover — the knits in this collection, cozy oversize sweaters and belted cardigans are by far the standouts —a flannel suit with boyishly low-slung trousers and — cashmere sweatpants!

For eveningwear, there's diaphanous smocked dresses, some in shimmering fabrics, sequined numbers and one lacy prairie skirt that misses the hippy-chic boat thanks to the addition of a chic sleeveless pea coat. **TINA CHADHA**

It was all about urbane romance at Michael Kors.

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V-Day Twitter chat

Do you have any burning sex or relationship questions for Funky Brown Chick? Join us for a very special Valentine's Day Twitter chat and get some #answers! Follow **@funkybrownchick** and **@metrophilly** on Twitter and use the hashtag #AskFBC to get some smart, sex-positive answers. February 14, 2 to 3 p.m.

It's time to beef up your sexual vocabulary, dears, because little words can pack some sexy punches. It can be empowering to develop language that communicates exactly what you want. So whether you're coupled, single or somewhere in between this Valentine's Day, commit to learn new words and phrases that expand your ability to imagine, express and act on your desires. Practice these words and phrases to get started. Expect big returns on your pleasure investment.

Alternative: The knowledge that there can be more than one option or version of anything — humans are diverse! Celebrate that.

Boundaries: Communicated or negotiated rules for fair play. Discuss them ahead of time for enhanced pleasure.

Dominate: To exercise control over another person in an explicitly consensual exchange of power.

Fetish: Sexually fixating on an object or activity conventionally considered nonsexual.

Healthy relationship: Engaging with yourself or others with respect, equality, non-violence, support and trust in ways that promote positive growth.

LGBTQQIA: Lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual — the full rainbow of terms, though definitions vary. (When in doubt, ask.)

Munch: A public social networking gathering of BDSM community members.

Paddle: A flat-surface with a handle that can be used in oh-so-many ways.

Polyamory: Romantic relationship(s) with more than one person.

Safer sex: Practicing sex with barriers that prohibit the exchange of body fluids, like male and female condoms and dental dams.

Self-love: Healthy skills required to identify and sustain an intense feeling of deep affection for that unique human being that is YOU.

Sex: Anal, oral or vaginal intercourse — for starters.

SSC: Safe, sane and consensual sexual activities in which all participants gain consent, use caution, and do not emotionally or physically harm one another.

Subspace: The euphoric psychological state a sexual submissive (bottom) may enter during BDSM from experiencing pleasure and/or pain can trigger the body's endorphin response.

Vanilla: Things, people, or activities that are not sexually exploratory. Used in a sentence: "That guy likes vanilla sex" or "I had sex with that woman, and she is very vanilla."

Wax play: Dripping or pouring hot, melted wax on someone's skin for sexual pleasure. A note: Never heat wax in a microwave. Use a double boiler, or pour it from a candle and watch out for the flame.

Valentine's Day: A day, much like any other, when individuals can express love for themselves, partners, communities, friends, family members or anybody else they want to love on. Also, a day when you can take to Twitter to ask me your questions! (See "hashtag love" inset on the main photo.)

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Make mine a double

Candlelit dinner with a main squeeze not in the cards for Valentine's Day? Hit the bars instead. We scouted around for the hottest single bartenders in the city — so if you want to chat up some eye candy while you toast to your singledom, head to these spots. **RACHEL VIGODA**

Tobias Moser

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Interested in: Women
Drink I'd make to impress a date: Grapefruit Rose Gimlet (Bluecoat gin, rose water, grapefruit, lime)
Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar: "I think all the bottles in this bar must be jealous, because you are the most intoxicating thing in this place."
Ideal first date: Venture out to one of Philly's innovative restaurants, ending the night with a bottle of wine on top of the Art Museum steps overlooking the city.

Vincent Stipo

Where to find him: Vernick Food & Drink
Age: 28
Lives in: Graduate Hospital
Interested in: Women
Drink I'd make to impress a date: Meta #2 (Becherovka [Czech bitters], local strawberry and champagne vinegar shrub, clover honey)
Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar: "Is your boyfriend sitting here?" Sits. "Now he is."
Ideal first date: A drink somewhere comfortable, then let the rest just happen!

Stephen Menei

Where to find him: Liberte at Sofitel Philadelphia
Age: 30
Lives in: Northern Liberties
Interested in: Women
Drink I'd make to impress a date: 44 on 45th (Remy Martin 1738, Grand Marnier, Laurent Perrier Champagne, lemon, simple syrup)
Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar: "I know the guy who owns this place." We don't have an owner.
Ideal first date: Phillies game with beers and Cliff Lee pitching.

Marie Targonski-O'Brien

Where to find her: The Continental (Old City)
Age: [Apparently a lady never tells.]
Interested in: Men
Drink I'd make to impress a date: Dark and Stormy. The name comes from the hue of the drink. They say it's the color of a cloud only a fool or a dead man would sail under. It's a classic cocktail with some edge. There's nothing sexier than that.
Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar: "You're the prettiest woman in here." No, I'm currently the only woman here.
Ideal first date: Start with cocktails at somewhere like Tippling or The Farmer's Cabinet, followed by a jazz band playing an outdoor venue on a summer night.

Tyler Strusowski

Where to find him: The Tavern
Age: 33
Lives in: South Philly
Interested in: Men
Drink I'd make to impress a date: Aviation Cocktail #1
Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar: "Haven't we slept together before?"
Ideal first date: Rock-climbing wall.

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Battle of the filets

Hot chef. Eric Gantz is not cutting corners for his Valentine's Day menu.

Chef Eric Gantz says he grills 12 months a year — even in the snow.
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Over in King of Prussia, Eric Gantz is running the kitchen at Sullivan's Steakhouse. It's one of 19, but Gantz says this location is the busiest — a feat made especially impressive with the nearby competition of so many other steakhouses. We spoke with him about date nights, menu-tinkering and his previous position at M Catering.

Is Sullivan's doing a special Valentine's Day menu?
Oh yeah. We're doing two dinners for $99 that includes a soup or salad, entree and dessert for a couple. It's our regular entrees, like a filet, a strip, a rib eye, chicken and fish dishes — it's our normal 8 ounce filet, our 12 ounce strip, not smaller portions. It'll be the same size as if you came in the day before and ordered it.

Do you have a favorite date-night restaurant?
My wife and I love Paradiso over on East Passyunk. What a great little restaurant. It's beautiful and the chef is tremendous. We also like Figs in Fairmount. It's Mediterranean and it's a BYOB. I think both of those places are a home run.

You were running a catering company before Sullivan's. How is the day-to-day life different between those two jobs?
When you're catering, you know exactly what you're doing every day. People don't call and say that they're having a party that day. And you know exactly how many people, how much you'll need and how much gas it'll take to get there. At the restaurant, you wish you had a crystal ball. But you do it long enough and you learn from experience and hope to God that you get it right.

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Do you get to play with the menu at all?
The menu is pretty set. It does change twice a year and the chefs are encouraged to make suggestions. But we have no limitations to what kind of features we add to the menu, so we have a lot of creative freedom there.

Do you have a favorite ingredient to cook with?
My work background is a steakhouse, which means big, heavy portions. And I do enjoy steak, but at home I cook a lot of fresh fish and grilled vegetables. I'm on my grill 12 months a year. I shovel a path to my grill.

JULIA WEST
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Three picks for Valentine's Day dinner

Splurge on a romantic meal at Barclay Prime.
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On the cheap

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Supper, 926 South St.
This stylish South Street spot is offering a four-course menu for $69. Choose from options including grilled beef heart crostini, sushi-inspired dip with rice crackers, pan-roasted halibut and, for a sweet ending, the red velvet mousse or the "three passions," a combo plate based around passion fruit.

Go big or go home

Barclay Prime, 237 S. 18th St.
Chef Jeffrey Froehler is cooking up V-Day specials at Stephen Starr's Rittenhouse Square steakhouse, which we're happy to say has made a comeback. Splurge on the filet rossini, made with black truffles, or the porcini agnolotti with chestnut puree, or stick with our tried-and-true favorite: the dry-aged rib eye.

RACHEL VIGODA

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FILM

Free to Love: Cinema of the Sexual Revolution

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
International House, 3701 Chestnut St., $9, 215-387-5125, www.ihousephilly.org
Make it a quirky V-Day date at I-House's screening of Woody Allen's film "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex* (But Were Afraid to Ask)" (assuming you're OK ignoring the Woody Allen controversy). The movie is inspired by the book of the same name, and features Burt Reynolds, Gene Wilder and a sheep.

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Tri State Indie Music Awards

Feb. 16
World Cafe Live, 3025 Walnut St.; $20-$50, 215-222-1400; www.tristateindie.com
If you watched the Grammys this year and thought, "Man, Kurt Vile totally should have been nominated," or "I sure wish Chill Moody was performing at this awards show," then you have a chance to seek justice! Sort of. The TSI Music Awards ceremony, now in its third year, is a way to celebrate local music in performance and awards. Performers include the aforementioned Chill Moody as well as The Deadmen, The Lawsuits, Maitland, Ali Wadsworth, Flux Capacitor and more. The $50 VIP package includes complimentary food and drinks as well as admission to the pre-party. In the interest of full disclosure, Metro is the official print media partner for the show, but that doesn't mean we have any say in who wins. That's in your hands: Voting was open to the public through Feb. 10.

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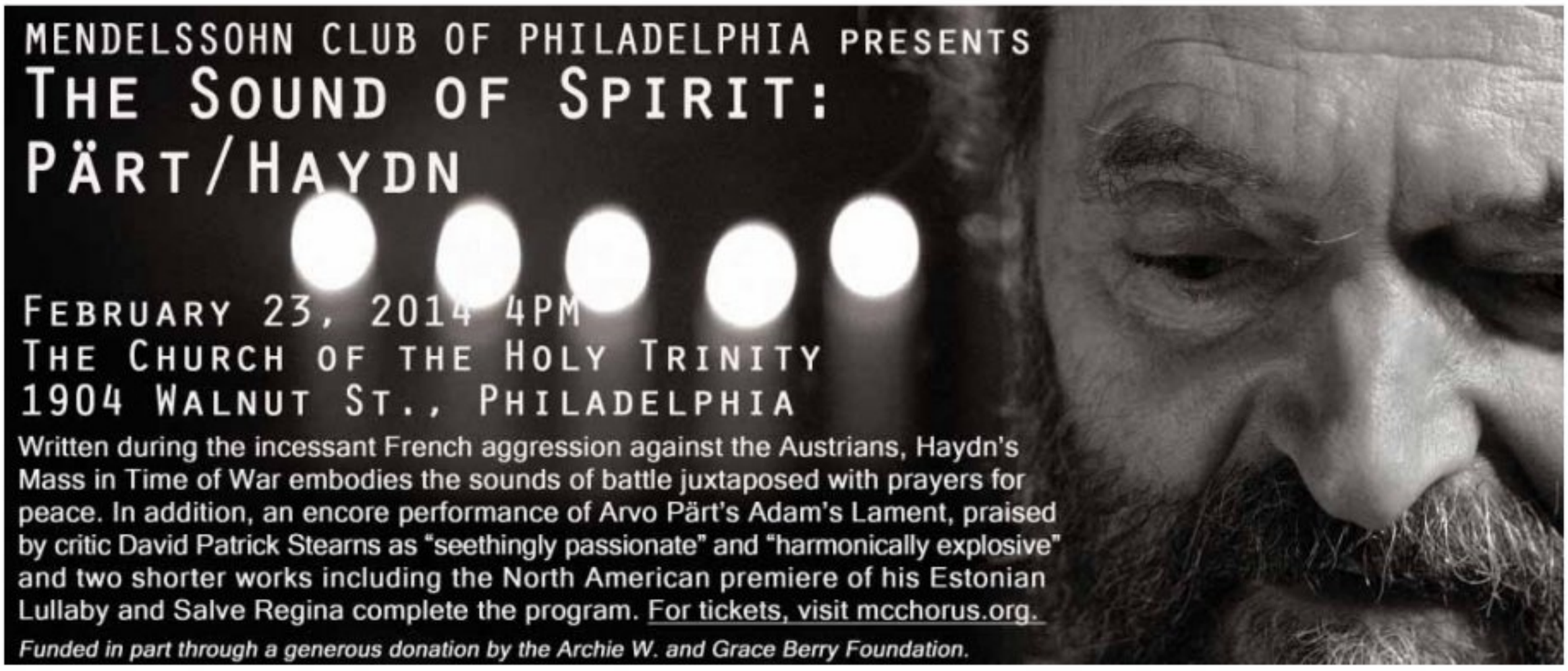
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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Your outgoing nature will lead to an unusual adventure. Turn something you enjoy doing into a profitable endeavor.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Jump-start your career. Concentrate on self-improvement and utilizing your skills differently. This will improve confidence.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You will make great achievements if you take advantage of a new opportunity. Don't waste time in contemplation; start the ball rolling.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Don't pressure others to do things your way. Keep the peace and avoid confrontations if you want to gain control.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Step into the spotlight and share your thoughts and plans. You'll attract interest from onlookers who will help you develop your ideas.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. It's time to take a realistic look at your savings and investments. Determine what will give you the best chance to raise your wealth.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Avoid conflicts, lie low and refrain from making a hasty decision that will leave you in a vulnerable position.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You may feel that information is being withheld from you. Patience will be necessary to determine what has been going on.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Let your imagination wander and your curiosity lead the way. Your thirst for knowledge will enable you to explore and expand a wide variety of interests.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Resist the urge to take control. You may offend someone who has more to offer than you realize.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You'll be enticed by exotic destinations or adventure. Participate in community activities and see what kind of excitement you can find.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Today's emphasis will be on money matters. You will have good luck in your financial planning. Examine all your options.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Fight poverty with the Constitution

Many people think that the federal government should help the poor. The federal government is supposed to be limited by what it can do by the Constitution. Because it has overstepped its authority, we have a national debt of $17 trillion. It also has caused additional taxation, regulations and inflation. It has caused businesses to leave our country, prices to rise and regulations that are unattainable for most small businesses. This has led to more people being poor, so now many think that we need more government to help the people that it hurt by its actions. We need the federal government to cut spending! This will lower prices and decrease inflation, and businesses will be able to remain in this country, which will lead to more employment. The poor should be helped and this can be done through local help by philanthropic and religious organizations. By getting the federal government back to its constitutional limits, there will be fewer poor people and we will all have a better quality of life.

JANET MCCARTHY, VIA EMAIL

Don't assume things about addicts

Re: 'A friend in need might need friends' (Feb. 12) Anyone who places blame on the friends of an addict for not trying harder to save the addict's life and then compares the friends' alleged lack of concern to an '80s movie and a "M*A*S*H" episode should study up on addiction and volunteer at a recovery program to gain a better understanding of addictive personalities.

LIAM TOLEN, VIA EMAIL

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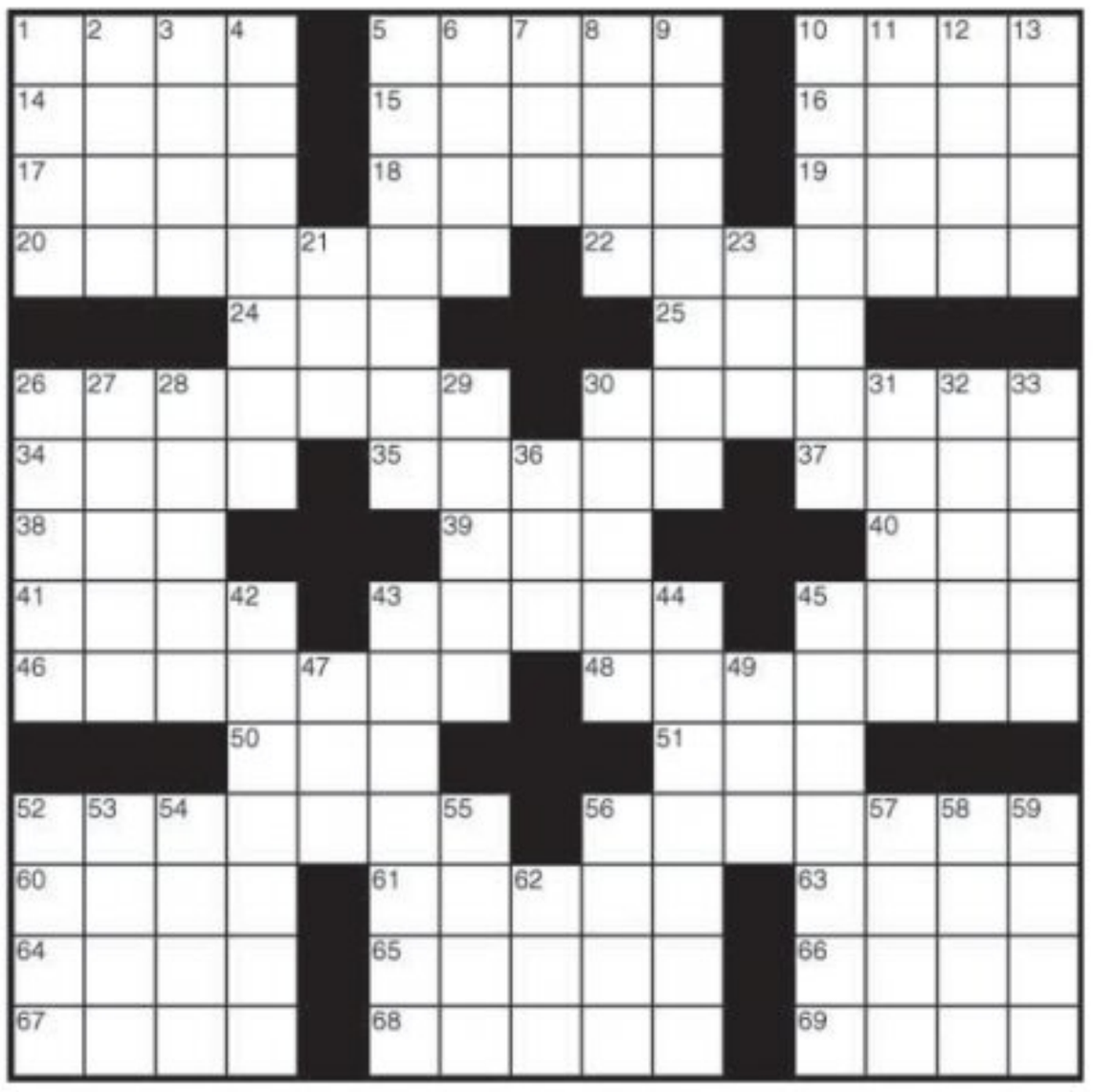

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3 SPORTS

Men's hockey underway

Swedes, Swiss win Olympic openers

Erik Karlsson impressed in his Olympic debut, scoring two goals in Sweden's 4-2 win over the Czech Republic Wednesday. Patrik Berglund and Henrik Zetterberg also scored while Henrik Lundqvist had 27 saves. Switzerland also got a victory to start the games, with Simon Mosner scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win over Latvia.

Phillies ink Burnett to $16 million deal

MLB. A.J. Burnett will be the fourth highest paid Phillie in 2014.

The Phillies added pitching depth by signing A.J. Burnett Wednesday. The big right-hander, who had a career year with the Pirates in 2012 by leading the NL in groundball rate and strikeout rate, signed a one-year $16 million deal.

Burnett, 37, gives the Phillies an impressive innings eater. Burnett, who posted a .3.30 ERA, has made at least 30 starts in each of the last six seasons.

"It's a huge signing for the Phillies," an NL scout said. "Now the Phillies staff is comparable with the Braves and Nationals. It gives the Phillies much more depth."

The trickle-down effect should help the Phillies bullpen. Kyle Kendrick will be slotted in the fourth spot in the rotation. Roberto Hernandez and Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez will battle for the bottom of the rotation.

The loser of that fight will be destined for the bullpen, which could use a boost in 2014.

After last season ended, Burnett told a Pittsburgh radio station that he would either return to the Pirates or retire.

Up until recently, it appeared that Burnett would opt for the latter. But as spring training approached, he reconsidered. Burnett decided he wanted to play but stay within driving distance of his Monkton, Maryland, home.

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A.J. Burnett will join the Phillies pitching staff and will contribute to the squad as a middle of the rotation arm. / GETTY IMAGES

Phillies starting five

1. Cliff Lee LHP 14-8, 2.87 ERA (2013)
2. Cole Hamels, LHP 8-14, 3.60 ERA (2013)
3. A.J. Burnett RHP 10-11, 3.30 ERA (2013)
4. Kyle Kendrick RHP 10-13, 4.70 ERA (2013)
5. Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez RHP 8-5, 3.19 ERA (2010-11 with Cuba)

Quoted

"It's a huge signing for the Phillies. Now the Phillies staff is comparable with the Braves and Nationals. It gives the Phillies much more depth."

An NL scout

Fallen ace

Hamels likely to miss opening day

While hosting his annual pitching clinic in Boothwyn three months ago, Cole Hamels was smiling from ear to ear.

"I feel as good as I've ever felt," Hamels said. "I'm in great shape. I can't wait for the season to begin."

Well, Hamels will have to wait a little bit. The Phillies ace, who helped the team win a World Series championship in 2008, won't pitch on Opening Day against the Rangers in Texas.

Hamels is suffering from shoulder tendinitis. He's about a week behind the other Phillies pitchers. But Hamels does plan to pitch in April, and he could even be good to go for the Phillies' home opener against the Brewers on April 7.

If he does, he will lead a much improved pitching staff after the signing of A.J. Burnett.

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Jeter announces 2014 will be his final season

MLB. Derek Jeter posted emotional note on Facebook announcing he will retire in the fall.

Derek Jeter / GETTY IMAGES

The face of the franchise is calling it quits.

Derek Jeter, the captain of the Yankees, a future Hall of Famer and maybe the greatest shortstop of all time, has announced he will retire after the 2014 season.

"I've never stopped chasing the next [World Series title]," Jeter wrote on Facebook Wednesday afternoon. "I want to finally stop the chase and take in the world."

Jeter, who will turn 40 during this season, dealt with the toughest season of his career in 2013. He broke his left ankle in the 2012 American League Championship Series against Detroit and never managed to get over the hump health-wise in 2013.

Jeter follows in the footsteps of good friend Mariano Rivera, who retired after last season — and also announced he would be playing only one more season in the spring.

While he started his career in 1995 as a top prospect, Jeter achieved a level of fame no one could have ever foreseen.

On the field he won five World Series titles, five Gold Gloves, five Silver Slugger Awards and went to 13 All-Star Games. He crossed 3,000 hits in spectacular fashion with a home run in July 2010 and currently stands at 10th all time in hits. In 2019, he'll go into Cooperstown.

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Union enter camp

MLS. The Union expect to bounce back this season with new talent and familiar faces leading a talented club.

Union forward Jack McInerney led all Philadelphia scorers with 12 goals in 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

For Union players, this season is about washing away the bitter taste which was left in their mouths back in October.

After narrowly missing the playoffs on the last game of the season, the Union are pushing to make it back to the postseason this year. One of the clubs prime-time scorers, Jack McInerney, looks to build upon the experience he gained last year.

"Obviously our main goal is to get this franchise back to the playoffs," said McInerney. "I think with the experience we've gained and the group we've assembled, we have a really good shot this

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A more perfect Union

Here is a look at John Hackworth's projected lineup:

- **Forwards**: Cristian Maidana, Jack McInerney, Sebastien Le Toux
- **Midfield**: Brian Carroll, Maurice Edu, Vincent Nogueira
- **Left back**: Fabio Alves
- **Right back**: Sheanon Williams
- **Center backs**: Richard Marquez, Amobi Okugo
- **Goalie**: Zac MacMath
- **Bench**: Raymon Gaddis, Aaron Wheeler, Antoine Hoppenot, Keon Daniel, Pedro Ribeiro, Ethan White, Andre Blake

By the numbers

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Assists by Sebastien Le Toux, the second most in Major League Soccer last season. It didn't hurt that the 7th leading goal scorer, Jack McInerney, was in the front three with him.

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The Union finished the 2013 season just three points out of the final playoff spot at 12-12-10.

year."

There are some new and exciting faces on the roster such as goaltender and No. 1 pick Andre Blake, who hopes to gain some experience working under talented netminder Zac MacMath. McInerney sees a bright future ahead for Blake.

"I think Andre's been learning a lot under Zac," said McInerney. "It's great to see that fire lit under Zac and you can tell he's really playing at a higher level right now in practice. I think Andre's a really great guy and he definitely fits into our team's chemistry so far."

Another big offseason acquisition was defensive midfielder Maurice Edu. Edu has logged 45 caps for the U.S. national team. He's was also the 2007 MLS Rookie of the Year.

He'll be looked at to replace some of the leadership and production lost from the departure of centerback Jeff Parke, who was traded to D.C. United last month.

"Losing Jeff is tough," said McInerney. "He wasn't just a great defender, but our captain and vocal leader, as well. To lose a guy like that puts everyone in the position to become a bigger leader. Guys like Amobi [Okugo], Sheanon [Williams] and Maurice will need to step up this year and replace his production both on and off the field."

For an exciting young team, adding these great new pieces might be all it takes for the club to reach new heights. McInerney is excited about the possibilities and is hopeful about the upcoming season.

"We love the fact that we've grown together," he said. "We're hungry to take our games to the next level. We're young, but we all have unique skills. We all know what we need to do to be successful at this point in our careers and I think we've added some strong pieces to help us out this year."

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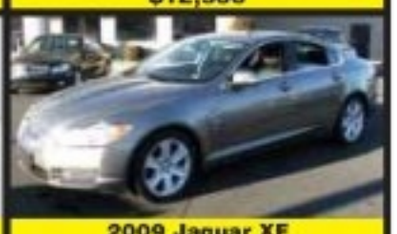
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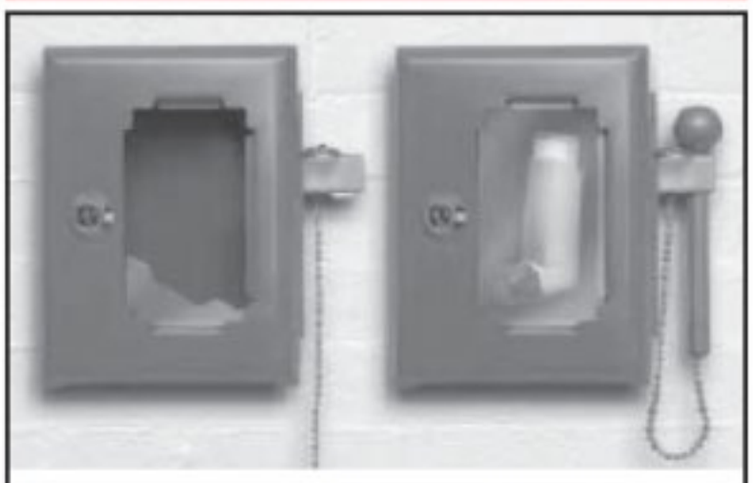

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